

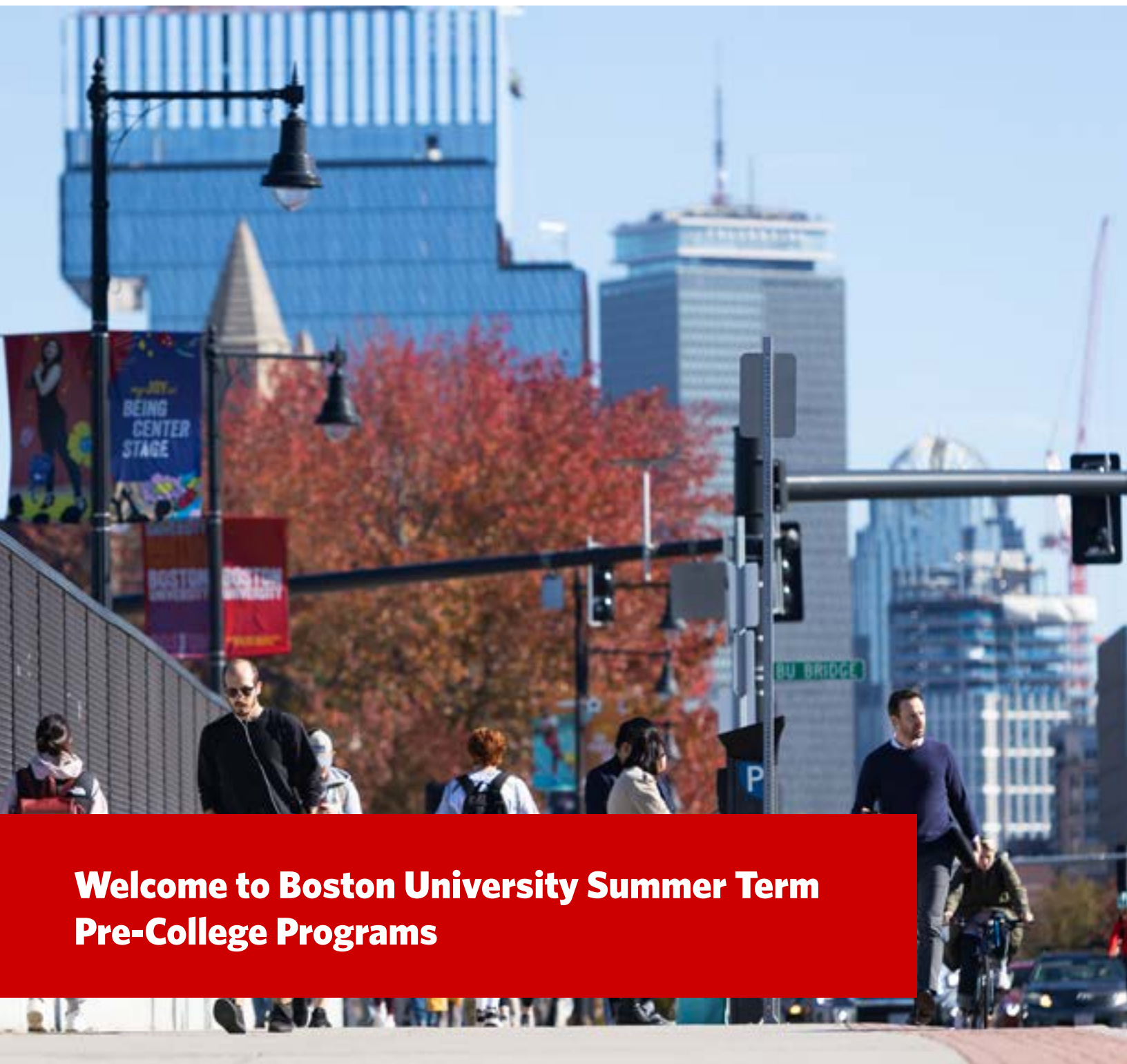
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Pre-College Programs

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Summer Challenge Program Rules and Guidelines



**Welcome to Boston University Summer Term
Pre-College Programs**

Dear student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Summer Challenge program at Boston University!

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining an exceptional group of fellow students around the world, who will come together and share their ideas, enthusiasm in curiosity in classrooms across campus. We hope that you choose to participate this year.

This document contains important information to prepare for spending part of your summer at Boston University, and outlines the program rules and guidelines, as well as the academic and community standards we expect all participants to adhere to. As part of accepting your offer, students will be asked to sign an acknowledgement that you have read, understood, and accepted both program and residential rules and guidelines once you arrive on campus.

If you have any questions, please email us at summerhs@bu.edu or call us at 617-353-1378. We hope you choose to attend Summer Challenge at Boston University, and look forward to welcoming to you to campus!

Sincerely,
The Boston University Summer Term
Pre-College Programs Team

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Arrival and Departure

Arrival & Check-In

Summer Challenge residential students must arrive on campus on the dates and at the times in the table below for check-in (all times Eastern):

Residential Check-in	
Session 1	Sunday, June 14 1-2:30 pm — students with last names A-M 2:30-4 pm — students with last names N-Z
Session 2	Sunday, July 5 1-2:30 pm — students with last names A-M 2:30- 4 pm — students with last names N-Z
Session 3	Sunday, July 19 1-2:30 pm — students with last names A-M 2:30-4 pm — students with last names N-Z

Residential students who arrive prior to the designated arrival period may not check in until the hours indicated. Please arrive no later than 4 pm Eastern. If you are not able to check in by 4 pm Eastern because of flight restrictions, you must contact our office via email at summerhs@bu.edu at least one week before the program begins so that arrangements can be made.

You will be given your program folder, textbooks (if applicable), room location, keys, and a mailbox number when you check in. Because most of the rooms are doubles, the majority of our students will be assigned a roommate. However, some students may be placed in singles, triples or quads. Please note that you will not receive your roommate assignment prior to check-in. Information on parking and the check-in location will be emailed to you two weeks before the program starts.

Summer Challenge commuter students must arrive on campus on the dates and at the times in the table below for check-in:

Commuter Check-in	
Session 1	Monday, June 15, 7:30 am
Session 2	Monday, July 6, 7:30 am
Session 3	Monday, July 20, 7:30 am

Commuter students must check-in between 7:30-8 am on the designated date. The program orientation will begin promptly at 8 am. You will be given your program folder and textbooks (if applicable) when you check in. Information about check-in location will be emailed to you two weeks before the program starts.

Orientation

The mandatory orientation for all Summer Challenge students will be held at 8 am Eastern on the following dates:

- Session 1: Monday, June 15, 2026
- Session 2: Monday, July 6, 2026
- Session 3: Monday, July 20, 2026

Transportation

Logan Airport is approximately twenty minutes from Boston University, and a taxi or ride share usually costs \$40-\$50. For students arriving by train or bus to either South Station or Back Bay Station, the taxi or ride share to BU is about the same distance and price. You may also choose to use a shuttle service or the MBTA, Boston's public transportation system. BU's campus and residences are located off the Green Line (B train). Please note that Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Programs does not provide or take responsibility for transportation and disclaims any liability for travel in non-University owned vehicles on check-in and departure days or during the program. The following hotel and transportation resources are being provided as information only to assist in planning.

With day-of travel concerns or updates, students and their families can call the Program Assistant on-call phone number with questions and concerns pertaining to traveling to campus. This cell phone number will be sent via email two weeks before the program begins.

Hotel and Transportation Information

- Boston Cab: 617-536-5010
- Metro Cab: 617-782-5500
- Go Boston Shuttle: 617-969-9999 (www.gobostonshuttle.com)

The following hotels are located close to BU's campus but are not affiliated with the university. Please reach out to them directly with any questions.

- Double Tree Suites, Boston: 617-783-0090
- Hotel Commonwealth, Kenmore Square: 617-933-5000
- Hyatt Regency, Cambridge: 617-492-1234
- Arcadian Hotel: 857-405-0990
- Sheraton Boston Hotel: 617-236-2000

Directions

You will receive the location for check-in at least two weeks before the start of the program.

Departure

The program concludes after the final student presentations on the last day of classes (Session 1: Friday, June 26; Session 2: Friday, July 17; Session 3: Friday, July 31). Students will give final presentations in their seminars, and parents/guardians and guests are invited to attend. Residential students with travel restrictions may stay an extra night in the dorms but must be fully vacated from the dorms by 10 am Eastern the morning after the program concludes, with no exceptions. If you stay until the morning after the program concludes, you must continue to follow all program rules and guidelines.

Housing and Dining

Residences

You and your fellow high school students will live together as a community in BU's residence halls. Boys and girls typically live in separate buildings; if placed in the same building, boys and girls are assigned to different floors. Students are only permitted to enter the building they are assigned. Students may visit other floors in their assigned residence that align with their gender; boys may visit other boys' floors, and girls may visit other girls' floors. Boys are not allowed on the girls' floors at any time, and girls are not allowed on boys' floors at any time.

There are typically two, three, or four students per room, although some students may find themselves in a double room without a roommate if another student drops out or leaves early. Bathrooms are communal and shared amongst students living on the floor. Please contact us if you'd like to discuss housing arrangements, as our office is committed to creating a safe and welcoming community for all of our students.

Each residence has 24-hour security and full-time BU residential staff. Carefully selected program assistants (PAs) also live in the residences and provide students with guidance as they adapt to college life. The PAs coordinate social outings and ensure that students return to the residence before curfew each night.

The residences used for our programs have air conditioning in the common areas as well as student rooms.

We do not accept roommate requests (if given the option within BU's housing portal, this does not apply to Summer Term high school students). We believe that learning to live with someone new is an important part of the pre-college experience. Program activities and free time provide plenty of opportunities to hang out with friends, who will also be living in a residence hall on campus.

You will meet your roommate on move-in day. When possible, students are encouraged to wait until all roommates have arrived before deciding who sleeps in which bed. This provides a first opportunity to practice living cooperatively.

Meals

All meals are served in a dining hall located a short walk from your dorm. Students receive three meals each weekday and two on each weekend day. Please note you are able to purchase additional meals with a credit card if needed, and there is also a variety of nearby dining options for students to choose from.

If you have special dietary requirements, food allergies, celiac disease, or severe food intolerance please email summerhs@bu.edu and scdining@bu.edu ahead of your arrival on campus so we can make arrangements to best accommodate you. Please note that it may take up to two business days to set access to specialized services in the Dining Room. More information from BU Dining Services & the Sargent Choice Nutrition Center can be found at bu.edu/scnc/foodallergy. Once you are on campus, their teams can work with you to identify dining resources to help you during your stay.

Laundry

There are double-load washers and dryers in each residence. The washers and dryers cost \$1.75 per load and accept quarters or Convenience Points which can be added to student ID cards via Give the Point. More information about the Give the Point option will be provided closer to the start of summer. You will need to provide your own laundry detergent.

In Your Room You Will Find

- A dresser, desk, and chair for each student
- A bed frame with a mattress for each student
- A closet or wardrobe for each student

What to Bring

For a simplified packing list and a [downloadable checklist](#), please review the [What to Bring](#) page on our website.

If you do not want to bring certain items with you or forget to pack them, you can purchase supplies at the [Barnes and Noble @ Boston University bookstore](#) or Target (both are on or nearby campus). There are also convenience stores on campus that carry school supplies, hygiene items, laundry detergent, and snacks.

- **Identification.** Bring a government issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, or driver's permit) or a high school ID card.
 - **Note:** International students must have their original passport and any other immigration paperwork with them. Photocopies are not acceptable.
- **Items for class:** Bring a notebook, pens, and pencils for your seminars.
 - **Note:** Students enrolled in the **Photography** seminar are **required** to bring a DSLR camera with manual features, along with an SD media card (32 GB or more) and an external hard drive for a Mac.
- **Linens:** You will need to bring your own sheets, blankets, towels, and pillows. The beds in the dorm are all twin extra-long (80 inches long).
- **Personal items:** We recommend flip-flops for showering along with a shower caddy to carry your toiletries to the bathroom. We also recommend students bring sunscreen for outdoor activities. Personal hygiene items can be purchased at stores on campus.
- **Hangers for your clothes.**

- **Other appliances:** Hot pots, microwaves, and air conditioners are **NOT** allowed in the dorm. Items like blow dryers and curling irons are permitted **but must not be used in the room when air conditioning units are on.**
- **Computer and internet:** Summer Challenge students are **required to bring a laptop or tablet to campus** to access online course materials. Only basic functions are needed; any classes that require specific software will be held in a computer lab. Please contact summerhs@bu.edu with questions or concerns. Wireless internet is available across campus, including in your dorm and classrooms. You might consider bringing a lock for your laptop. Students may also use the computing facilities in the Mugar Memorial Library (see [Campus Computing Resources](#) for more information).
- **Phone:** We **require** that all students bring a working cell phone. If at any point during the program a student does not have a working cell phone, they must be with another student who has a working phone any time they travel off campus.
 - **Note for international students:** We **require** international students bring a phone that operates in the United States. This means that while in Boston they can both make and receive calls from US numbers. Typically, students purchase an e-sim with data, text, and call capabilities. We recommend using Airalo.
- **Miscellaneous items:** Laundry bag, laundry detergent, and a water bottle.
- **Clothes:** Overall, the program is casual and most of the activities and the weather call for casual summer clothes. We may have a semi-formal event one night of the program, so please pack accordingly. You should also bring a sweatshirt for cool nights, swimwear, comfortable walking shoes, a waterproof jacket, and an umbrella.
 - **Note:** Students who are taking a **laboratory** seminar (Anatomy & Physiology or Infectious Diseases) are **required** to wear the following when they are in the laboratory: long pants or skirts or dresses that cover the legs down to the ankles and closed-toe shoes, such as durable sneakers or boots. Students are allowed to wear short-sleeved shirts. However, the following are **not** permitted: shorts, short skirts, short dresses, sandals, open toe shoes, or any footwear that does not cover the entire foot. If you are taking one of these seminars, please plan ahead for your laboratory time when packing.
- **Spending Money:** We suggest \$100 per week depending on your spending habits. If you are interested in going out for dinners and/or shopping, you may want to bring more money. Students can have an enjoyable summer on much less. Personal out-of-state checks, money orders, and cashier's checks will not be honored, and our office does not provide a banking service. You are fully responsible for the cash that you bring. There are a number of ATM machines throughout the BU campus including Bank of America and Citizens Bank, so accessing cash should not be a problem. **In an emergency, parents/guardians can wire money to their student.** *

*We recommend using [MoneyGram](#) or [Western Union](#).

The nearest MoneyGram service location is on campus: CVS 900 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02215 617-232-2100	The nearest Western Union service location is off campus: Seven Eleven 532 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02215 617-267-5158
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If you need assistance, please contact our office at 617-353-1378 or summerhs@bu.edu.

Residence Keys and Check-Out Procedures

Keys will be provided to you at check-in. Please keep your key with you at all times and do not lend it to anyone. Always keep your dorm room locked when you leave, even if you leave for a short period of time. The dorm room doors do not lock automatically. Make sure to keep your valuables and your roommate's valuables safe, as BU is not responsible for any thefts that may occur.

Lockout and Lost Keys

During normal business hours, students should immediately report lockouts and lost or stolen keys to the Office of Residence Life in addition to their program assistant (PA). Outside of business hours, students should contact the resident assistant (RA) on-call and their PA if they need further assistance. The RA's number is posted outside of the Office of Residence Life and in other places in the building. Students will be charged up to \$120 for a lock change and replacement keys.

There is an additional \$40 charge for replacement BU Terrier Photo Identification Cards, so please take care to not lose them as well.

Check-Out Procedures

The following must be completed when students **move out**:

- Remove all personal belongings and trash from the room
- Close and lock all windows
- Leave the room in a clean, habitable condition
- Turn off the lights
- Lock the door
- Return residence key, in person, to the Office of Residence Life before you leave the program. Make sure you receive a key receipt.

Note: Students who do not return their residence key to the Office of Residence Life prior to leaving the dorm will be charged up to \$120 for a lock change and replacement keys. The residences will not accept keys that are returned by mail after the program ends.

Mail Service

You can receive mail at the dorm, and you will receive your mailbox number (this will be different from your room number) when you arrive. It is best to wait until after you arrive to give your mailing address to friends and family since the mailroom cannot collect mail for you until you check in.

Mailboxes are located in each residence hall. Personal mail for students should **NOT** be sent to the Summer Term Pre-College Programs office.

Mailing Address

Student's Name
Box #: S-xxxx (mailbox # is on envelope for room key given at check-in)
277 Babcock Street
Boston, MA 02215

Program and Residential Living Rules and Guidelines

--Read carefully before you arrive on campus--

Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Programs have established rules and regulations that apply to pre-college programs. These rules have been designed for your safety and well-being as well as to increase your enjoyment of dorm life and of the Boston area.

These rules and regulations are strictly enforced. Students found in violation of program or Boston University rules and regulations may be immediately removed from the program regardless of when the infraction occurs. Students removed from the program for a rule violation will have a maximum of 24 hours to vacate the dorm and make travel arrangements to return home. The student will be sent home at the parent's/guardian's expense. Tuition and fees will not be refunded if a student is sent home.

Please feel free to contact the program staff at 617-353-1378 or via email at summerhs@bu.edu if you have any questions about this strict policy.

Curfew

All of our programs have a curfew. Students must be at their designated curfew location for curfew check at 11 pm Eastern on weeknights (Sunday through Thursday) and at midnight on Friday and Saturday. Students who are late for curfew will face disciplinary action and may be sent home. **There are no exceptions to or extensions of the curfew.**

Once they have been checked in, students may not leave the building until 7 am Eastern the following morning; however, they are free to visit other floors in the building or the common areas until 1 am Eastern on weeknights (Sunday through Thursday) or 2 am Eastern on Friday and Saturday. At that time, all students must be in their assigned dorm rooms with the lights off.

Seminar Attendance and Tardiness

Students must commit to attending the program in its entirety. Please confirm your high school start and end dates to avoid conflicts. Students who depart prior to the conclusion of final presentations will not receive a certificate of completion or instructor evaluations. Class and laboratory time are mandatory, and students are not permitted to miss any class or lab. **Students may not miss class for any reason without approval from the Pre-College office.** Unapproved absences or tardiness will result in disciplinary action.

In case of illness, the student must contact the Summer Term Pre-College Programs office during business hours or the program assistant on-call at night and on weekends. If necessary, the program assistant on-call will take the student to Boston University's Student Health Services center. **Students are not allowed to visit the Student Health Services center without a program assistant.**

Due to the short and intensive nature of the program, Summer Challenge students may not miss more than two days of an individual seminar. Students who exceed this limit, regardless of the reason, will be released or dismissed from the program.

For more information about releases, dismissals, and disciplinary actions, please see sections on [Withdrawals, Releases, and Dismissals](#) and [Disciplinary Action](#).

Requests to miss mandatory academic or program activities are rarely approved (see [Exceptional Absence Requests and Family Emergencies](#)).

Program Activities and Attendance

The Summer Challenge program includes both academic classes and social programming designed to foster community and engagement. **Attendance at all classes and mandatory activities is required.**

If a student needs to leave campus during free time (not during class or a mandatory activity), a parent/guardian must complete a Leave Request Form **at least 72 hours**, before the student is planning to leave campus and, for weekend requests, by Friday at 3 pm Eastern. Requests are not reviewed on nights and weekends. This form will be emailed before the program begins and requires the date, time, purpose of the outing, and the contact information of the approved adult (at least 18 years of age) who will accompany the student. The student may only leave once written approval is received from the Summer Term Pre-College Programs office.

Requests to miss mandatory academic or program activities are rarely approved (see [Exceptional Absence Requests and Family Emergencies](#)).

Exceptional Absence Requests and Family Emergencies

The Summer Challenge program is expected to take precedence over all other summer activities. If a special family event or emergency arises that may overlap with the program, the student's parent/guardian must email the Program Manager at summerhs@bu.edu as soon as possible (and **at least one week prior** to the program start date). These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and approval will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Do not use the Leave Request Form for these situations as approval must come directly from the Pre-College Programs staff via email. Examples of events that are generally not approved include college tours, athletic recruitment events, standardized tests, birthday parties, academic conferences, weddings, or family vacations/gatherings.

In the event of an unexpected family emergency during the program, please call our office at 617-353-1378 or email summerhs@bu.edu to discuss your needs.

PLEASE NOTE: Requests made to miss a mandatory academic or program activity once the program begins will not be considered.

Religious Observance, Ritual, and/or Holiday

Massachusetts law and Boston University policy require faculty and staff to accommodate students who are absent due to religious observance and to provide them with a reasonable opportunity to make up an examination, study, or work requirement missed due to their religious observance, if such accommodation does not create an unreasonable burden.

Please utilize the SchoolDoc online enrollment portal to inform us if you believe your religious observance may impact your ability to participate fully in program activities so we can do our best to accommodate you.

Seminars and Free Time Guidelines

All seminars and some planned activities are mandatory, but there is also free time. Students are allowed to leave campus during their free time. However, students are not permitted to leave campus by themselves—they must be accompanied by at least one other student in the program or by a program assistant. Students may not leave the boundaries set by the program within the city of Boston without the permission of their parents/guardians and our program. **These boundaries will be reviewed with students once they arrive on campus.**

Our program reserves the right to restrict students' access to any part of Boston for security reasons or other concerns. When students do leave campus, they need to inform a program assistant of their destination and time of return. Students must return before any scheduled activity and before curfew. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in disciplinary action and possible removal from the program.

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Overnight Absence from Campus

Due to the two-week duration of the Summer Challenge program, students occasionally need to leave campus overnight. If a student needs to be away from campus overnight, the student's parent/guardian must submit a Leave Request Form. This request must be received **at least 72 hours** before the student is planning to leave campus and, for weekend requests, by Friday at 3 pm Eastern. **Requests are not reviewed on nights and weekends.** The parent/guardian will need to provide details about the visit, such as the time that the student will be picked up and dropped off at campus and the cell phone number of the relative or family friend (**at least 18 years of age**) the student will be with. We ask that overnight absences be kept to a minimum, as this program should take precedence over other activities, and participants are expected to take part in weekend program activities. Please note that the overnight stay must be scheduled during your free time when there are no classes, labs, workshops, or activities planned. A student is only authorized to leave once the Summer Term Pre-College Programs office gives permission and sends the student's parent/guardian approval via email.

Concerts and Large Gatherings

Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Program participants who wish to attend large gatherings within program boundaries, such as, but not limited to, concerts, sporting events, festivals, etc. during their free time, must submit written permission from their parent/guardian to the Program Manager. Such permission must be submitted **no less than 72 hours** before the scheduled event by submitting a Leave Request Form. Requests that interfere with any mandatory activities, classes, or curfew will not be granted. This form will be emailed to parents/guardians two weeks prior to the start of the program.

Family Visits

If a parent/guardian is in town and would like to spend time with a student or if the student would like to visit relatives or family friends (**at least 18 years of age**) within city limits, that visit must be scheduled during the student's free time when there are no activities planned. The student must return to the dorm before curfew. In addition, the student's parent/guardian must submit a Leave Request Form. This request must be received **at least 72 hours** before the student is planning to leave campus and no later than 3 pm Eastern on Friday.

Requests are not reviewed on nights and weekends. The parent/guardian will need to provide details about the visit, such as the time that the student will be picked up and dropped off at campus, and the cell phone number of the relative or family friend (**at least 18 years of age**) the student will be with. A student is only authorized to leave once the Summer Term Pre-College Programs office gives permission and sends the student's parent/guardian approval via email.

College-age and Older Persons

Students may not visit residence halls or other lodgings of college-age or older persons; nor may they entertain college-age or older persons on campus. They may not attend parties, go to restaurants, or any other off-campus venue with college-age or older persons. In addition, students may not utilize dating applications of any kind, such as Tinder, Bumble, or Hinge, regardless of age, while participating in the program. If you have any concerns about the policies above, please reach out to our office at summerhs@bu.edu.

Drugs, Alcohol, and Smoking

The possession or use of illicit drugs, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, tobacco/nicotine products, or prescription medication without a valid prescription is strictly prohibited during the program, including, but not limited to, in the dorms, on campus, or at any program-sponsored activity. These substances may not be consumed at any time during the program. There are no exceptions.

Students may not purchase, assist others in obtaining, use, possess, or be in the presence of alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, or prescription medication not prescribed to them. Attending gatherings where alcohol or drugs are present, even without using them, is prohibited and may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

If a student encounters a situation where alcohol or other drugs are present, they are expected to leave immediately and notify a program staff member. Students who seek medical assistance for

others due to alcohol or drug use will not face disciplinary action for doing so, but must also notify our staff as soon as safely possible. Conversely, students who do not report the presence of alcohol or drugs, are subject to disciplinary action and will be dismissed.

Decisions on incidents involving illicit drugs and alcohol are at the discretion of the Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Programs staff.

Smoking is prohibited during our program and in all University student residences. Additionally, any device such as hookah pipes, shisha pipes, bongos, e-cigarettes (also known as vapes) or any type of water pipe, or any object filled with water through which smoke is drawn is also prohibited.

Gambling

All forms of gambling for money or with items of monetary value, whether on campus or off (including online), are prohibited while participating in the program.

Weapons

The possession or use of any weapons, for any purpose, is prohibited during your participation in the Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Programs.

Transportation

Bicycle, Scooter, and Skateboard Use

Riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard in Boston poses significant safety risks, and we do not recommend that students use them while at BU. To ensure student safety, riding a bike, scooter, or skateboard without a helmet is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

Ubers and Ride Shares

Students are not permitted to use ride share apps while attending programs at BU without permission from their parent/guardian. We strongly encourage students to use an Uber Teen account as a safety precaution. During the program, students are not allowed to get into a ride share alone; they must be with another student from the program. Before entering a ride share, students should ensure that the vehicle is their ride by confirming the license plate number.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our office is committed to ensuring students have a safe and positive experience while they are participating in one of our programs. A key component of that commitment comes from supporting student mental health and wellbeing. We would like to remind students and parents/guardians of the following:

- It is normal for students to experience homesickness as they adjust to the program. This can manifest as loneliness, sadness, confusion, and preoccupation with thoughts about home. Our residential staff are great resources and points of connection if you find yourself feeling homesick or unsure about the transition.
- Please utilize the SchoolDoc online enrollment portal to share your medical history with our

team by May 1st so we can best support you during the program. This also allows us to be proactive, reach out if we have questions, and connect you to appropriate campus resources such as Disability and Access Services (DAS). For more information, please see the section in this document on [Disability and Access Services](#).

This is not the time to take a medication vacation, start new medication, or greatly alter your medication. If you have been prescribed medication, please continue to take it while you are in our program.

- Students must self-administer their medication and make arrangements to safely store their own medication. If a fridge is needed upon arrival to store medication, please inform us via email (summerhs@bu.edu). If your medication is considered a controlled substance and/or needs to be refrigerated, please bring a lockbox or a safe.
- If you are seeing a therapist, or other mental health provider, you should make arrangements to continue to do so while you are participating in our program. Boston University cannot provide routine or ongoing counseling services.
- Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns before or during the program. We are always happy to connect by phone or email. In addition, upon arrival, students will receive a phone number to call should a mental health emergency or crisis occur.
- Boston University reserves the right to remove a student from the program if, in the determination of University staff, a student's continued enrollment would create a risk to the health and safety of the student or others. This includes concerns about a student's mental health and/or wellbeing.

Student Conduct

Boston University reserves the right to remove a student from the program if, in the determination of University staff, a student's continued enrollment would create a risk to the health and safety of the student or others, or if the student refuses to cooperate with efforts deemed necessary by the University to evaluate the student's conduct. Participants are prohibited from engaging in conduct, in or out of the residence facility, which poses a threat to the health or safety of persons or property or interferes with the rights or well-being of others.

Participants shall not engage in:

- **any form of harassment, bullying, or hazing.** Harassment consists of conduct of any type (including but not limited to cyber, written, verbal, graphic, or physical conduct) which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or work performance, or which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning, residential, or working environment.
- **any form of sexual harassment.** Sexual harassment includes sexual conduct, or conduct with sexual overtones, which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning, residential, or working environment.
- **vandalism or theft.** This includes misusing Boston University property, including software. Participants may be required to reimburse the University for the cost of repairing or replacing the property.

In addition, residents are prohibited from engaging in conduct (in or out of the residence facility) that violates 1) program policies; 2) any provision of the [Code of Student Responsibilities](#); 3) the [Boston University Conditions of Use and Policy on Computing Ethics](#); 4) the [Residence License Agreement](#); 5) any relevant rule/regulation of the University; or 6) any other applicable law.

Academic Integrity

All students are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. This means that all student work is expected to be solely completed by the program participant. It is the responsibility of every student to be aware of the [Academic Conduct Code](#)'s contents and to abide by its provisions as outlined. We expect participants to act respectfully and appropriately during all learning sessions. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. If a professor suspects a student has plagiarized work, additional actions and repercussions may be taken. Unless given explicit permission from a professor, students should not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to complete coursework. We encourage students to speak with their professors if they have questions about the use of AI.

Tolerance of Others

A fundamental goal of Summer Term Pre-College Programs is to foster a community environment based upon mutual respect and openness. Therefore, any form of discrimination, including but not limited to discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, military service, pregnancy or pregnancy-related condition, or because of marital, parental, or veteran status, constitutes unacceptable behavior.

Respecting the rights of other students presupposes that in the close and diverse society of Boston University (BU), student expression of opinion will be respectful of others and will be exercised in good taste and decency. Bigotry, hatred, and intolerance have no place in our community. In displaying or distributing expressions of opinion, students are expected to show respect for the aesthetic, social, moral, and religious feelings of others upon whom their views may be imposed. Students are entitled to expect that those with whom they interact will demonstrate tolerance for diversity and respect for privacy.

Withdrawals, Releases, and Dismissals

Withdrawals

A withdrawal occurs when a student's parent/guardian voluntarily removes the student from the program prior to its completion. Withdrawals only occur after the program begins.

No refunds will be issued for tuition, program fees, or other payments in the event of a withdrawal.

Releases

A release occurs when University staff determines that a student must leave the program due to a health, wellness, or safety concern, or when the student's continued participation is deemed not to be in the best interest of the student or the community. Releases do not require a specific policy violation.

No refunds will be issued for tuition, program fees, or other payments in the event of a release.

Dismissals

A dismissal occurs when University staff determines that a student violated one or more Pre-College program or Boston University policies.

No refunds will be issued for tuition, program fees, or other payments in the event that students are dismissed for violating academic or student conduct policies.

Disciplinary Action

Failure to abide by any program rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary actions, including immediate dismissal from the program and removal from the Boston University campus, even if it is the student's first offense. In addition, criminal violations may be reported to law enforcement. Parents/guardians will be notified of any violations that result in disciplinary action. Please know that these indicate the minimum actions that will be taken should a policy be broken. All disciplinary measures are at the discretion of the Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Programs staff, and disciplinary determinations and/or sanctions are not subject to appeal.

When a student is facing disciplinary action, their parents/guardians will be notified as soon as it is safe to do so.

- **Note: Summer Term Pre-College Programs' rules, policies, disciplinary and dismissal processes supersede those outlined in the BU Lifebook where they differ.**

Disciplinary Probation

Examples of disciplinary probation sanctions include, but are not limited to, loss of off-campus privileges, restrictions on social activities, forfeiture of program certificate of completion and/or letter(s) of evaluation.

Dismissal from Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Program

If a student is dismissed from a Boston University Pre-College Program, the parent/guardian will have 24 hours to pick up the student, with no exceptions. No refund will be issued. Students and their parents/guardians will receive a written notification of dismissal.

Roofs and Fire Escapes

Roofs and fire escapes are not to be used for any purpose other than for escape from fire or threat of fire. Students are also not permitted on ledges, balconies, or any other exterior means of egress.

Windows, Window Screens, and Locks

Window screens and locks are provided on windows for protection, safety, and convenience. They are not to be removed, raised, or moved. Students removing screens or locks from windows are subject to University disciplinary procedures and/or financial penalty.

Air-Conditioning in Residence Hall

The residences used for our programs have air conditioning in the student rooms.

Air conditioning units should not be tampered with or removed. While the AC unit is on, windows should not be left open, and high voltage appliances should not be used (such as hair dryers). Use of both an AC unit and a hair dryer simultaneously will likely trip the breaker and shut off power in the room.

In order to not overtax the building's electrical systems, students will be instructed by program staff to turn off their AC unit when they leave for class in the morning or when they leave for an all-day field trip. Facilities will perform random and frequent room checks during class time when students are not present in the residence hall to ensure compliance.

More Information about University Guidelines

More information about Boston University rules and policies can be found online at the Boston University Lifebook. Please note that all Summer Term Pre-College Programs' rules, policies, disciplinary and dismissal processes supersede those outlined in the [Boston University Lifebook](#) where they differ. Removal from housing for violations of University rules and regulations will lead to removal from the Pre-College Programs and may also result in additional disciplinary action.

Additional Information and Campus Resources

Boston University Terrier Photo Identification Card

At check-in, you will be provided with your BU Terrier Photo Identification Card (Terrier Card). Students use their Terrier card to enter the University residences and the dining hall. It is necessary to keep the card with you at all times. If you lose your card, you will be required to purchase a replacement card for \$40. Do not use another student's Terrier card and do not let another student use your card. Swapping or lending Terrier cards to another student may result in disciplinary action. Instructions for how to create your Terrier Card will be provided through the online enrollment portal.

International Student Check-In

International students are required to complete an Initial ISSO Check-in. The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) will send instructions for this simple online process to your BU email account at the start of your program. The check-in process consists of answering a few basic questions and uploading digital copies of your immigration documents. The required documents vary depending on your immigration status but will include a copy of your passport data page, US visa used to enter the US, Form I-94 entry record, and copies of any other documents directly relevant to your status.

More information about this check-in process will be provided closer to the start of the program.

Campus Computing Resources

Computers are available to all students and are located on the first and second floors in Mugar Memorial Library (771 Commonwealth Avenue), BU's largest branch. Mugar, and all other library locations, offer a variety of student and collaboration spaces for the BU community.

Summer Challenge students are **required to bring a laptop or tablet** to campus to access online course materials. Only basic functions are needed; any classes that require specific software will be held in a computer lab. Please contact summerhs@bu.edu with questions or concerns. Dorms are equipped with wireless internet. We recommend bringing a lock to secure your laptop in your dorm room.

Emergency Numbers

In the event of an emergency, parents/guardians who need to reach a student can call our office Monday through Friday, between 9 am and 5 pm Eastern, at 617-353-1378. After hours or on weekends, parents/guardians can call the Summer Challenge program on-call cell phone. **This cell phone number will be emailed to you two weeks before the program begins and should only be used in cases of emergency.** The Boston University Police Department can be reached at 617- 353-2121. This is also the on-campus number that students should call in case of an emergency.

Health Services

Boston University Student Health Services at 881 Commonwealth Avenue is available for urgent care issues by appointment Monday through Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm Eastern (opens 10 am Eastern on Thursdays). Students must be accompanied by a program assistant when accessing services.

There is a fee of \$25 for each visit, charged to your student account. If you receive blood work or immunizations, you will need to provide your insurance information or have charges billed to your student account.

In the case of an emergency or the need for medical care on weekends or weekdays after closing hours, you will be taken to an urgent care facility or a local hospital emergency room, accompanied by a program assistant. If you are not feeling well, you should inform the on-call program assistant or the Summer Term Pre-College Programs office if Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm Eastern immediately.

To receive emergency hospital care, your parent/guardian must have completed the electronic Parental Consent to Treat form provided in the SchoolDoc online enrollment portal. Students who do not submit all health forms in advance of arrival are not allowed to participate in the program. If you have any questions about our health forms, please feel free to contact our program staff at 617-353-1378 or summerhs@bu.edu.

If a Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning is issued by the National Weather Service, Boston University will open cooling centers on campus to help students seek relief from the heat and take precautions against heat-related illness or injuries.

Please inform us of any medical issues or concerns in the SchoolDoc online enrollment portal by May 1st so that we can provide you with the best care possible.

Students must self-administer their medication and make arrangements to safely store their own medication. If a fridge is needed to store medication, please inform us via email at summerhs@bu.edu. If your medication is considered a controlled substance and/or needs to be refrigerated, please bring a lockbox or a safe.

Additionally, this is not the time to take a medication vacation, start new medication, or greatly alter your medication. If you have been prescribed medication, please continue to take it while you are in our program.

Disability & Access Services (DAS)

Boston University is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities have equal access to all opportunities the University has to offer. Disability & Access Services (DAS) works to provide services and support to ensure that students are able to access and participate in the opportunities available at BU.

In keeping with this objective, students are expected and encouraged to utilize the resources of DAS to the degree they determine necessary. Although a significant degree of independence is expected of students, Disability & Access Services is available to assist, should the need arise. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact DAS to discuss support services and accommodations they may need relating to their academics, including assistive technology, classroom modifications, and exam accommodations. Housing accommodations can also be requested for students with a documented qualifying disability (or disabilities), including temporary injuries, that impact their residential environment.

Students are encouraged to start the process as early as possible, and meet with DAS remotely to ensure that accommodations are set up in time for the start of their program. Accommodations are provided on a case-by-case basis depending on the individual's diagnosis and documented needs.

To begin the process, a student must have a BU ID, which is required to access and submit the application. The BU ID number is usually assigned within 10 days after a student has accepted their offer of admission to their Summer Term program.

What is the process for registering with DAS?

- **Step 1: Application** – Once the student receives their BU ID number, the student can complete the application through the DAS website bu.edu/disability.
- **Step 2: Documentation** – The student must upload all [supporting medical documentation](#) from their treating provider. Disability documentation forms are available on the DAS website.
- **Step 3: Registration** – The student must meet with DAS:
 - The student must call the DAS office to schedule an appointment.
 - The coordinator meets with the student in person (only if student lives locally) or remotely.
 - The student **MUST** be in attendance at the meeting with DAS. Parents/Guardians can attend as guests, however successful registration requires an interactive process with the student in the meeting. This is a student-led meeting.

Appointments are typically scheduled within one week of submitting their supporting documentation. However, during peak times (start of summer), this might take 2-3 weeks or more. Disability & Access Services may be reached at 617-353-3658, by email at access@bu.edu, or at bu.edu/disability. You can also visit in person at 25 Buick Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02215.

Please note that DAS is not able to diagnose or treat medical or mental health conditions. They are only able to provide services after a disability has been diagnosed and documentation has been provided.

Program Schedule

Two weeks before the program starts, we send the program schedule and check-in information to both the student's and parent/guardian's email addresses provided on the application. If either you or your parent/guardian has changed your email address since you have applied, please update this in your [Applicant Portal](#).

Program Activities, Meetings, and Other Recreation

Daily Schedule

Each weekday, you'll attend your morning seminar from 9:30-11:30 am Eastern and afternoon seminar from 1:00-3:00 pm Eastern. After class, you will participate in fun, organized social activities during the afternoon or evenings and on weekends.

Scheduled Program Activities

A primary goal of the Summer Challenge program is to establish a sense of community among the program's participants. Group activities are therefore an integral part of the program. These planned events are designed to promote a healthy balance between academic and social life in a college setting and to provide exposure to the Boston area. Travel to these activities will involve chartered buses, public transportation, and/or walking through Boston neighborhoods and streets. Students will receive the schedule of activities two weeks before the program begins and again on move-in day, so that they can plan for study time. Some of these activities may take the entire day, and some only a few hours. To promote group bonding, some of these activities will be mandatory for residential students, and others will be optional.

We want to give you time to do your homework and other activities, so there will be some free afternoons and evenings. During your free time you will be able to explore campus and the city of Boston.

Students who would like to attend optional activities should sign up for the activity on Eventbrite and make note of the meeting time and location. Staff supervising optional activities will not wait for students who signed up for an optional activity and do not arrive on time. Students will be given access to Eventbrite when the program begins.

A Note about Free Time

If you travel off campus during your free periods, you must be accompanied by at least one other student in the Summer Challenge program or by a program assistant. Before leaving campus, students must inform their program assistant of their destination and estimated time of return.

Students must always be back in the dorm before curfew or the start of a mandatory activity. Students may not leave the boundaries set within the city of Boston without the permission of their parents/guardians **and** the Boston University Summer Term Pre-College Programs staff. The city of Boston is very safe, but our program staff reserves the right to restrict students' access to any part of Boston for security reasons or other concerns. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in removal from the program.

Other Recreation

If you're looking to engage in sports during your free time, BU's [Fitness & Recreation Center \(FitRec\)](#) is the place to go.

With approximately 270,000 square feet of space, FitRec offers an 18,000 square foot weight & cardio room, two separate swimming pools, two multi-use gymnasiums with seven courts, an elevated 1/7-mile jogging track overlooking several activity areas, racquetball and squash courts, and a 30' climbing wall. During the summer FitRec is open Monday – Thursday, 6 am to 10 pm Eastern; Friday, 6 am to 8 pm Eastern; and Saturday – Sunday, 8 am to 8 pm Eastern.

Students in our Pre-College Programs must be at least 16 years of age to purchase a membership for use of the FitRec Center while they are on campus. You can purchase a membership at FitRec once you arrive on campus.

Commuter Students

Overview

Commuter students are welcome on campus at any time and may make use of the services available to residential students. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for communicating with their students about the students' whereabouts throughout the program.** Attendance is only recorded by University staff during classes. Commuter students are allowed to enter the residence hall and spend time in the common areas with their peers; however, they are not permitted to go into any student bedrooms, and are required to leave the residence halls before curfew. Young men and women live in separate buildings. Commuter students will be allowed access to the dorm that best aligns with their gender identity/expression.

Summer Challenge students are allowed to commute to campus, pending approval from the Summer Term Office. Please note that students who choose to commute must be staying with a family member or other approved adult (18 years or older).

Dining Services

Commuter students will receive lunch each day in one of our dining halls on campus. Since commuter students may also attend some evening activities, they may purchase dinner in the dining hall by using a debit or credit card.

Parking

Our office cannot guarantee parking availability to commuter students. Students should plan to take public transportation or arrange to be dropped off and picked up by a parent/guardian. Students are welcome to reach out to transportation@bu.edu to see if they can provide a parking solution; however, our office does not guarantee that this will be available to students.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents/guardians must provide the program staff with their plan for drop off and pick up in the forms on the SchoolDoc online enrollment portal.

Student ID

Each student will receive a Terrier Card, which will be available for students to pick up during orientation or later that day in our office. If students do not submit their Terrier Card photo within two weeks of the program start date, we cannot guarantee their Terrier Card will be ready by the first day of their program. Terrier Cards give student access to residence halls, dining halls, and other campus buildings.

Activities

Commuter students are invited and encouraged to attend as many activities as they would like to throughout their program. **All social activities are optional for commuters.** Commuter students who would like to attend activities should sign up for the activity on Eventbrite.

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